

TAFT'S ADMINISTRATION ENDORSED BY ROOSEVELT

Washington Paper Says the Ex-President Has Written to the President—Says He Will Not Be a Presidential Candidate in 1912, Nor for Other Office Meanwhile—His Choice for Governor of New York Is William Loeb.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Theodore Roosevelt, according to a local paper, has written letters to President Taft endorsing the present administration. The letters also show that he will not be a presidential candidate in 1912, nor for any other office in the meantime. It is said Mr. Roosevelt wishes William Loeb, jr., his former private secretary, to be governor of New York.

PHYSICIAN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Dr. Latane of Winchester Was Hurrying to Patient When Machine Went Over an Embankment.

Winchester, Va., May 2.—While responding in his automobile to a hurry call into the country to render medical attention to a patient, Dr. Samuel P. Latane, jr., was instantly killed late last night, when his machine jumped over an embankment. Dr. Latane's neck was broken. The chauffeur, Leslie M. Brown, was injured. The failure of the brakes to work caused the accident. The physician was a member of a prominent Virginia family and was 36 years old.

SMITH MADE PROVISION FOR MYSTERIOUS WOMAN

So It Is Said, and Another Sensation Grows Out of His Tragic Death.

Pittsfield, Mass., May 2.—Another sensation will grow out of the tragic death of Wellington Smith, the aged millionaire paper manufacturer of Lee, Mass., whose neck was broken in a folding bed last Tuesday in a New York boarding house, where he was with a woman not his wife. It was told confidentially here that Smith left certain legal papers in the hands of a local attorney in which he made ample provision for the woman. The nature of this provision will be disclosed when Smith's affairs are settled and it is hard to see how the revelation of the woman's name can be prevented then. It was also said that the manufacturer had made a will in which he provided for her. Efforts have been made by acquaintances of the woman to get into communication with her. She is a resident of New York, it is understood here, but she maintained a summer home at Lee. Telegrams directed to her have not been delivered. Articles that Smith carried when in New York have been received at Lee but they contained no clue to the woman's identity. The only thing they did was to strengthen the belief that she was an old acquaintance of his. In his efforts to obtain the papers known to have been in his father's missing waistcoat, Augustus Smith had a man to go to New York and convey the information that if the papers and keys were returned no questions would be asked. The papers were valuable only to the family. No request was made for the dead man's watch and money. In reply an express package came addressed to the Smith Paper company. It contained the watch, coat, keys, papers, money and watch. There was no mark to show who had shipped it from New York. The address was printed in ink. However, the Smith family is making no effort to learn the woman's identity, in fact, does not desire to know who she is. Members admitted that, from a description, they supposed she was the woman referred to frequently since the death who formerly lived in Lee.

COMMANDER PEARY TO RECEIVE MEDAL IN LONDON London, May 2.—Commander Peary came here today to receive a gold medal from the Royal Geographical society, and to deliver a lecture on the north pole trip. The explorer will be in Europe several weeks.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy with little change in temperature. For North Carolina: Fair tonight; Tuesday fair in eastern, partly cloudy in western portion, light to moderate winds mostly south to southwest. Shippers Forecast: Temperature in North Carolina will fall to near 25 degrees, Tuesday night.

Trust Case Decisions By the Supreme Court

Ouster Decree Against Standard Oil in Tennessee Affirmed—Lumber Injunction from Mississippi Affirmed—Heike Must Stand Trial.

Washington, May 2.—No decision by the Supreme court of the United States is announced today in the corporation tax cases. The court took a recess until May 16.

Washington, May 2.—The decree of the Tennessee Supreme court ousting the Standard Oil company of Kentucky from doing business in Tennessee is affirmed by the United States Supreme court. By affirming the Mississippi Supreme court's decision, the United States Supreme court makes permanent an injunction against future operation of the "Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Mississippi and Louisiana" as being in restraint of trade. Charles R. Heike, former secretary of the American Sugar company, will be compelled to stand trial on an indictment for conspiracy to defraud the government out of sugar customs, the Supreme court decides.

Snow, Hail, Rain and Wind Work Havoc in the West

A Town of 400 Inhabitants Reported to Have Been Destroyed—Telephone and Telegraph Service Demoralized—Five States in Storm Path.

over a wide area, extending from Denver to Cleveland, La., and from St. Paul to the Ohio river are reported in serious condition as a result of rains, high winds and snow. Fruit and Crops Damaged. Kansas City, May 2.—Last night's heavy rains and hailstorm, general in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa and Nebraska, demoralized telegraph and telephone service, and caused damage to fruit and growing crops.

PACKERS ARE INDICTED FOR RESTRAINT OF TRADE

Alleged to Have Sold Meats Below Cost in Savannah to Injure Another Concern.

Savannah, May 2.—The grand jury of the United States court Saturday afternoon returned indictments against Sewaracild, Sulzberger & Co., Swift & Co., The Armour Packing company and Nelson Morris company, as corporations and against the following individuals: Emmett B. Adams, local agent for Swift & Co., William D. Cooper, agent for Armour Packing company, and Fred M. Bull, Jr., agent for Nelson Morris & Co. There are two counts in the indictment, one charging that the corporation sold meat at less than cost, for the purpose of putting the South Atlantic Packing company of Savannah out of business and the other that the local agents entered into a combination to arbitrarily fix the price of beef, eliminating competition. The agents indicted have not been in the employ of the packing houses for more than a year.

CROWDS CHEER WESTON AS HE WALKS BROADWAY

Pedestrian Finishes His Record-Breaking Tramp from Pacific to Atlantic Ocean.

New York, May 2.—Edward Payson Weston's record-breaking walk across the continent is virtually at an end. At 3:55 this morning he set foot on Manhattan island. Cheered by thousands of persons, he walked down Broadway on the last few miles of his journey. Two mounted policemen rode beside him from Times Square. On the last part of the walk Mr. Weston was escorted by company B. Seventh regiment. On the Last Leg. Yesterday, May 1, Mr. Weston, 37 years old, returned from Santa Fe, N. M., where he had been walking for 12 years. He had been walking for 12 years. He had been walking for 12 years. He had been walking for 12 years.

Making Slow Progress in Hyde Trial



DR. AND MRS. D.C. HYDE ENTERING CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Kansas City, May 2.—Frank P. Walsh today resumed the cross-examination of Dr. Ludwig Hektoen in the trial of Dr. D.C. Hyde for the murder of Col. Swopes. Dr. Hektoen is the pathological expert who has given testimony very damaging to the defendant. The progress of the cross-examination is slow, and there are many wrangles between counsel and the witness.

HIS PROGRAM TO BE STRENUOUS

President Taft in the Smoky City, Where He Will Sit With the Fans at a Ball Game.

Pittsburg, May 2.—President Taft today faced a strenuous program. He first delivered a speech at the Founders' day celebration of the Carnegie Institute, later visiting the Forbes field, witnessing the Pittsburg and Chicago National league teams play baseball. The festivities conclude tonight with a banquet at the American club.

Will Sit With Fans. The ball game today was especially arranged so the president could attend when it was learned that he would be here for the Carnegie founders' day celebration. Forbes field has never seen a more elaborate arrangement for the comfort of his party. A section has been arranged in the midst of the fans, where the president declares he likes to sit. It was on last Memorial day, May 30, that the president saw the same teams play in Pittsburg. The old exposition park was the scene of the battle. At that time Secretary of State P. C. Knox, Chas. P. Taft, the president's brother, and President Arthur Hadley, of Yale university, were with the president at the game.

WOULD ASK PRESIDENT TO FURNISH INFORMATION

Resolution Introduced by Harrison to Get Facts as to Summary of Glavis Charges.

Washington, May 2.—Representative Harrison, democrat, of New York today introduced in the house a resolution calling upon the president to furnish the house information bearing upon the preparation by the attorney general of a summary of the Glavis charges, which the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee refused to request from Mr. Wickereham. In Buffalo. Buffalo, N. Y., May 2.—President Taft and Secretary of State Knox as guests of the Buffalo "A.D." club at luncheon Saturday made two little impromptu speeches, which won them enthusiastic plaudits. The president and Secretary Knox breakfasted at the home of Ansley Wilcox, after which President Taft spent two hours at hard work in the library of the Wilcox home work where in 1891 Theodore Roosevelt took the oath of office as president of the United States, following the death of President McKinley a few blocks away. He Broke Precedent. Mr. Taft broke a precedent by allowing himself to be quoted at an interview with reporters. He asked his interviewers to keep away from politics but they plunged into the New York situation and the appointment of Governor Hughes to the Supreme court bench.

GERMAN BANK HOLDS TO ABDUL'S \$3,000,000

Contents That Former Sultan is not in Position to Make Voluntary Demand for It.

Berlin, May 2.—The provincial court of Berlin has frustrated efforts of the Turkish government to secure possession of \$3,000,000 deposited with the Imperial Bank of Germany by the former sultan, Abdul Hamid. The bank contends that the former sultan, being a prisoner, is not in position to give a voluntary order for the disposition of the money.

PROTECTED BY POLICEMEN FROM STRIKING RODCARRIERS

Richmond, May 2.—Truck contractors this morning asked for police protection against the annoyances of their non-union rod-carriers to union men who struck Saturday. The strikers are negroes. Policemen were placed at such points where the union men could be further trouble be feared.

WOMAN IS KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION

Enemies, It is Believed, Put Slick of Dynamite in Sleeve of Mrs. Friedmann.

Philadelphia, May 2.—Mrs. Yetta Friedmann, 70 years old, was killed today, by an explosion of dynamite in a range of her home on South Randolph street. Several other persons were badly injured and the house was badly damaged. It is believed the explosive was placed in the fuel by enemies.

WIROGRAPHS

Late Afternoon News Stories in Condensed Form of World's Big and Little Events. The Annie F. Kimball Floated. Southport, N. C., May 2.—The schooner Annie F. Kimball, Baltimore for Wilmington, ashore since Saturday night off Cape Fear bar, was floated without assistance and put in here today. The extent of the damage is not known.

For Study of Tuberculosis. Washington, May 2.—The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis began a two days' session today with hundreds of delegates attending from all parts of the country.

Pharmacists Gather in Richmond. Richmond, May 2.—Pharmacists from all over the United States, Canada, Cuba and other countries are gathering for the annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical association tomorrow.

Three Thousand Go on Strike. Providence, R. I., May 2.—Three thousand workmen laid down their tools today, answering May day strike call. Various trade branches are crippled.

The Aurora Sighted. St. Johns, N. F., May 2.—The steamer Aurora, which was reported missing yesterday with a crew of 183 men, was sighted yesterday by the steamer Diana.

Some Cars Running in Columbus. Columbus, O., May 2.—The strike situation here is at a standstill. Some street cars are under police protection.

Is Sent to Prison. Hong Kong, May 2.—The Japanese spy caught sketching the harbor fort has been sentenced to imprisonment.

ROOSEVELTS GIVEN A PALACE WRITE VISITING COPENHAGEN They Arrive at Danish Capital and Are Welcomed by Crown Prince Christian.

Copenhagen, May 2.—Theodore Roosevelt and party arrived at the Danish capital this afternoon from the Netherlands. Mr. Roosevelt was welcomed by Crown Prince Christian and escorted to the Christian VII. palace, which has been assigned to the Roosevelts during their stay.

RATE READJUSTMENT. Affecting Railways Between Mississippi and Atlantic Said to Be Under Preparation.

New York, April 2.—A rate readjustment, affecting the railroads between the Mississippi River and Atlantic seaboard, is understood to be under preparation. It was learned from authoritative sources.

ALABAMA PRIMARY FEATURES LIQUOR

The Issue Today Is Between "Defenders" and "Amenders" of Constitution.

Montgomery, May 2.—Democrats of Alabama in a primary election today are nominating a state ticket, and members of the legislature, one United States senator and nine congressmen. Nominations are equivalent to election. One congressman only has opposition. In the fifth district Mr. Hefflin is opposed by A. J. Driver, probate judge of Chambers, the home county of Mr. Hefflin. Senator Bankhead is opposed by John E. Knox of Anniston and Frank S. White of Birmingham. Both are lawyers and both were members of last national constitutional convention over which Mr. Knox presided. Weather conditions are ideal for the primary.

Heated Contest for Governor. The contest for governor has been heated between Emmett O'Neill of Florence and H. S. D. Mallory of Selma. Both are lawyers. The issue is the constitutional amendment for prohibition, which was defeated in an election last November by 27,000 majority. Mr. Mallory led the fight for the amendment and Mr. O'Neill was the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Mallory stands for the present prohibition laws while O'Neill is a local prohibitionist. It is contended that while the prohibition amendment was defeated by 27,000 majority, this was accomplished in a general election where party lines were not drawn. It is argued that thousands of democrats have been able to qualify since the amendment election and that their votes will more than offset the votes cast in the amendment election by republicans and prohibitionists.

Due to these conditions, the contest is popularly regarded as one between the extreme prohibitionists and those who favor modification of the prohibition laws.

Judges to Be Named. A chief justice and two associate justices of the Supreme court are to be nominated. Chief Justice J. R. Dowdell is opposed by Judge C. C. Newell, a young lawyer of Birmingham. The candidates for lieutenant governor are E. P. Thomas, of Eufula, and Walter D. Scott, of Tuscaloosa, the present state treasurer.

The campaign has been bitter with the lines sharply drawn. The terms "amenders" and "defenders" of the constitution which has had such wide colloquial use in the November election have figured in this campaign and both factions have candidates for all offices.

Other offices to be filled are those of attorney general, secretary of state, two railroad commissioners, delegates to the state convention which meets here May 17, state senators and representatives and many county tickets. Mallory leaders estimate the state's vote at 110,000 and O'Neill leaders at 125,000 to 140,000.

The result of the leading race, that for governor, promises to be received with interest unexampled in Alabama. The result is expected to definitely set at rest the prohibition issue.

HUGHES NOMINATION The Senate Judiciary Committee Has Decided to Report It Favorably.

Washington, May 2.—The Senate Judiciary committee has decided to report favorably the nomination of Charles E. Hughes to be associate justice of the United States Supreme court.

QUARTERLY DIVIDEND One and One-Half per Cent. Declared by Directors of Pennsylvania Railway.

Philadelphia, May 2.—The directors of the Pennsylvania railway have declared a quarterly dividend of one and one-half per cent.

HAVE BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN CITY

Number of Delegates to the Great General Conference of M. E. Church, South, Are Already Here.

EIGHT OF THE BISHOPS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Bishop Wilson, It is Thought, Will Touch Upon Some Matters of Moment to Whole Convention Body.

The delegates to the 16th annual general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, have begun to arrive in the city, and before midnight tomorrow night it is expected that most of the 310 accredited delegates will be here preparatory to the opening of the sessions of the supreme legislative body of the church Wednesday morning promptly at 9 o'clock. It is certain that seven of the eight bishops will be here. It is hardly thought probable that Bishop Oscar P. Fitzgerald of Nashville will be able to attend, as he is in feeble health. The bishops who will attend are Alpheus W. Wilson of Baltimore, who, as senior bishop, will open the session of the conference and will deliver the Episcopal address, corresponding to the president's annual address to congress; Eugene R. Hendricks of Kansas City, Joseph S. Key of Sherman, Tex., Warren A. Candler of Atlanta, Henry C. Morrison of Leesburg, Fla., Elijah E. Moss of Nashville, and James Atkins of Waynesville.

From the Far West. Many of the delegates from the far west and southwest are already on their way towards the "Land of the Sky" coming on special trains and special Pullmans. From the gateway of St. Louis the Southern railway has information that three extra Pullmans will be handled for Asheville, while the "Texas-Tar-Heel special," bearing the delegates of the five Texas conferences, is due to arrive here at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The address of Bishop Wilson, which is concerned by the other bishops, will be awaited with interest, as it is expected to touch upon some of the points of greatest interest that will come up for discussion and final action at this session. Among the things that have been greatly discussed in the Christian Advocate and other church papers is the proposition to elect the presiding elders at the annual conferences instead of the present system of having them appointed by the presiding bishop; the abolition of the time-limit, which has by many been regarded as a distinguishing feature of Methodist prohibiting the residence of any minister in the same place for a longer period than four years; modification of the episcopacy, which has received attention, while it is understood that many of the ladies' organizations will present petitions and memorials asking that the women be given a voice equal to the men in the management of the church affairs.

As to just what will come before the conference for discussion and what various and sundry propositions will be in the committee rooms is uncertain; for nothing can come up on the floor of the house for discussion without a committee report.

The Election of Bishops. Great interest will naturally attach to the election of the bishops and connexional officers such as the secretaries of the various boards. The interest in the conference is centered towards the last on account of the elections which come as a climax to the whole. There are six vacant places in the bishopric, according to the present plan of organization, and it seems probable that at least six will be elected.

There are 44 conferences of the Southern Methodist church, including all of the southern states, and California, Oregon and Washington, as well as two conferences in Mexico, one in Brazil and one in China.

An Important Body. Never perhaps in her history, has Asheville had the opportunity of entertaining such an important and representative body of men as will be here during the next three weeks. Besides numbering among its delegates, many of the leading ministers of the Methodist faith in the south, the conference also has many of the leading laymen of the church as delegates, there are ex-governors, bankers, manufacturers, capitalists, and prominent professional men. The entire expense of the delegates are paid by the church, which has a fund set aside for general conference purposes. The various delegations have been grouped at the Battery Park, Manor and Marjoe Terrace.

Prominent among the fraternal delegates—that is delegates from other Methodist churches throughout the world—are two; ex-Governor Hanley of Indiana, who represents the Methodist Episcopal church, and Dr. John E. Blincoe, ex-president of the Wesleyan Methodist church of England. Both of these gentlemen will address the conference and bear the greetings from their respective churches.

A question which may receive serious consideration at this session is that of a proposed union of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and the

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